



Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 7-14! Join us in our mission to help wildlife and humans thrive. The goal? To get thousands of people moving a distance of 5K (or 3.1 miles) in support of national wildlife refuges during National Wildlife Refuge Week.

#### *What is 'Walk for the Wild'?*

Walk for the Wild is a national event to bring people together for wildlife and their local national wildlife refuge. Join a movement of people protecting thriving ecosystems and enjoying time outside. Sign up to walk today.

#### **How to Participate:**

**Visit the Friends of Patuxent's Team Registration Page, "Team Whooping Crane":  
Select mode of participation and register.**

<https://support.americaswildliferefuges.org/team/516034>

- To walk on-site at South Tract, Patuxent Research Refuge, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop; Laurel, MD.
- Virtual: support from home or in your own community.

#### **Attend your local event or participate virtually.**

- Move a distance of 5K (3.1 miles). It's up to you how you move —walking, jogging, hiking, strolling, or whatever you choose.
- The Friends of Patuxent's *Team Whooping Crane* will lead a scheduled 3.1 mile walk, starting at 10 AM from the front of the National Wildlife Visitor Center at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop in Laurel, MD.
  - Make a day of it, bring your lunch and join us for the free Members' program presentation of the Bay Journal Media film, *Water's Way: Thinking Like a Watershed*, produced by Sandy Cannon-Brown. Writer Tom Horton and photographer Dave Harp will be on hand to present the film and participate in a Q&A, followed by a social. Watch the Friends of Patuxent website for film program registration information.
- Or "move outdoors" for 3.1 miles in your community, or in a favorite local park or green space. Please share a photo of yourself on your Walk! And if you would like a "participant sticker," please email us at [friendspr@friendsofpatuxent.org](mailto:friendspr@friendsofpatuxent.org) to arrange for you to pick one up at the Visitor Center!

**Tag @AmericasWildlifeRefuges to share your journey and celebrate with us on social media** with the hashtags #WalkForTheWild and #WildlifeRefuges.